

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted herewith to cancel claims 15 and 18, which are directed to a "use". These proposed changes are merely editorial in nature. Such claims are also improper under current USPTO standards.

The proposed changes do not add new matter nor do they raise any new issues. Accordingly, entry thereof is requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, or in an effort to advance prosecution, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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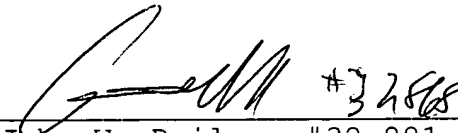
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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